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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the overall claimed combination of a method comprising individually sensing airflow of each of a first and second breathing orifice of a patient; and delivering therapeutic gas to one of the first and second breathing orifice exhibiting greater airflow. That is, while the prior art of record teaches individually sensing airflow of each nostril and the mouth of a patient (e.g. Neuman ('636); McDonald, Jr. ('222); McKenna ('963); Karakasoglu et al. ('955)) and sensing airflow from both nostrils together or sensing airflow from a single nostril (e.g. Derrick ('491); Rowland et al. ('836); Myers ('133); Dutkiewicz ('126); Mace et al. ('075); Carter ('599); DiBenedetto et al. ('644)), none of the prior art alone nor in combination teaches individually sensing airflow from a plurality of separate breathing orifices followed by the step of administering a therapeutic gas to the one breathing orifice that exhibits the greater airflow.

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